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SUBJECT: Tentative Assessment of New Information on Deployment of Soviet Long-Range Ballistic Missiles

1. On 5 October the United States Intelligence Board expects to consider the conclusions resulting from an examination of certain new data on Soviet long-range ballistic missiles received since USIB approval of NIE 11-8-61 on 7 June 1961. Because of your pressing requirement for a re-evaluation of these estimates at this time, the USIB has agreed to issue, for your use only, a highly tentative re-assessment of the numbers of Soviet long-range ballistic missiles deployed.

2. Preliminary analysis of this new information leads us to believe that our estimate of 50 to 100 ICBMs on launcher as of mid-1961 may be too high. We would recommend that for planning purposes the low side of this range be used, pending completion of our studies.

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